

## 2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

South Dakota State Law (SDCL 13-28-7.1)(Rev. 2000) requires that any pupil entering school or an early childhood program in this state shall, prior to admission, be required to present to school authorities certification from a licensed physician that the child has received a test for tuberculosis, and is free from a contagious form of tuberculosis, and the child has received, or is in the process of receiving, adequate immunization against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, rubeola (measles), rubella, mumps, tetanus, and varicella (chickenpox), according to the recommendations of the State Department of Health.

**Do not use this form to determine what immunizations infants and toddlers are required to have.** Refer to the current Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Children in early intervention programs and pre-school should be age-appropriately immunized.

This law applies to all children entering a South Dakota school district for the first time. This would include children in early intervention programs, pre-school, as well as kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Minimum immunization requirements for kindergarten through twelfth grade are defined as having received at least:

- (1) Four or more doses of diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus containing vaccine, with at least one dose administered on or after age 4. Children 7 and older needing the primary series are required to have Td, and only need three doses with at least 6 months between dose two and three. Children receiving more than 6 doses before age 4 do not require any additional doses for school requirements.
- (2) Three or more doses of poliovirus vaccine, with at least one dose given on or after age 4; **or** 4 or more doses of any combination of OPV and/or IPV given by 4 years of age;
- (3) Two doses of measles virus vaccine administered after the age of 12 months; **or** having been diagnosed by a physician as having had measles disease; **or** having demonstrated serological evidence of immunity;
- (4) Two doses of rubella virus vaccine administered after the age of 12 months, **or** having demonstrated serological evidence of immunity;
- (5) Two doses of mumps virus vaccine administered after the age of 12 months; **or** having demonstrated serological evidence of immunity;
- (6) A tuberculin skin test administered and read, in millimeters of induration, preceding first-time entrance into a school or an early childhood program in South Dakota. The tuberculin skin test must be administered in the United States or any US military installation abroad.

**NOTE: Additional immunization requirement for kindergarten entry only:**

- (1) One dose of varicella vaccine administered after the age of 12 months, **or** history of disease. Physician documentation is not necessary. **Only the parent or guardian's signature is allowed when verifying history of disease.**

**NOTE: Hib vaccine and Hepatitis B vaccine are recommended but not required.**

Legal alternatives to minimum immunization requirements are defined, and the means for appropriate certification is provided for, on the face of this document. There are no other exemptions.

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO PARENTS:

- (1) Fill in your child's name, birthdate, address, etc. Please print using a ball-point pen and press firmly.
- (2) From your child's immunization records, fill in the date (month, day, and year) for each dose of vaccine received. The signature of a licensed physician, or authorized health authority, is required as legal certification that the immunizations were received.
- (3) Submit the **completed** CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION to your child's school upon first entry or transfer.

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR:

- (1) **Do not admit** any pupil who has not submitted acceptable evidence of having received, or of being in the process of receiving, the minimum immunization requirements defined above.
- (2) Children transferring (at any grade level) to your school during the school term, and who have not previously completed the required immunizations, must be informed of the necessary requirements. **They may then be given up to 45 days to show compliance. Advise parents that failure to obtain the required immunizations is basis for excluding their child from attending school until immunizations are completed.**
- (3) Submit the first copy of the completed CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION for **all** kindergarten enrollees to the State Health Department before October 1<sup>st</sup> of each school year, and within 45 days following enrollment of transfer pupils. The second copy should be given to the pupil's parents.
- (4) The third copy must be retained in the pupil's permanent school record. If the pupil transfers to another school, this immunization record, or a copy thereof, shall be forwarded to the new school. This record should also be available for inspection by authorized representatives of the State Department of Health.